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In re Patent Application of:

Chiem V. Pham

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Group Art Unit: 1711

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For: ACID END GROUP POLY(D,L-LACTIDE-CO-

GLYCOLIDE) COPOLYMERS WITH HIGH

GLYCOLIDE CONTENT

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

- 1. Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action; and
- 2. Return receipt postcard.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 000166.0106-US02. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004 (Paper No. 1211), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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